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1. After protracted discussions, it has now been decided that the Ministry for Machine Construction (Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau) will be divided into three groups as follows:

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- Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction (Schwermaschinenbau)
- Ministry for Transport Machine Construction (Transportmaschinenbau)
- Ministry for General Machine Construction (Allgemeiner Maschinenbau)

Each group is to be given the status of an independent ministry, with its own minister, state secretary, etc. The administrative changes will take place as soon as the necessary internal reorganization has been carried out.¹

2. The administrations of nationalized factories (Verwaltung Volkseigener Betriebe - VVB) have been redistributed as follows:

a. Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction

- VVB WMW (Werkzeugmaschinen und Werkzeuge) (Machine tools and other tools)
- VVB EKM (Energie- und Kraftmaschinenbau) (Energy and Power Machine Construction)
- VVB GUS (Guss- und Schmiedeerzeugnisse) (Castings and Forgings)

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- VVB ABUS (Ausrustung von Bergbau und Schwerindustrie) (Mining and Heavy Industrial Equipment)
- VVB TEXTIMA (Maschinen der Textil- und Bekleidungsindustrie) (Textile and Clothing Industry Machinery)
- VVB POLYGRAPH (Bau von Druckerei- und Papierverarbeitungsmaschinen, Feuerloeschgeraeten und Waagen) (Construction of Printing and Paper Processing Machines, Fire Extinguishers, and Scales)
- VVB NAGEMA (Nahrungs- und Genussmittel-, Kaelte-, und chemische Industrie) (Foodstuffs, Cold Storage and Chemical Industry) (Firms manufacturing heavy machinery)

b. Ministry for Transport Machine Construction

- VVB LOWA (Lokomotiv- und Waggonbau) (Locomotive and Car Construction)
- VVB IFA (Fahrzeugzubehoer) (Vehicle Parts)
- VVB MEWA (Metallwarenindustrie) (Hardware Industry) (only factories that make bicycles)
- HV Schiffbau - all subsidiary firms
- (VVB LBH (Land-, Bau-, und Holzbearbeitungsmaschinen) (Agricultural, Construction, and Wood Working Machinery) - possible, but not yet definitely decided.)

c. Ministry for General Machine Construction

- VVB SANAR (Armaturen und sanitaere Einrichtungen) (Plumbing Equipment & Fittings)
- VVB TEWA (Technische Eisenwaren) (Technical Iron Products)
- VVB WERKIN (Werkzeuge) (Small tools such as surgical instruments, etc. - formerly a subdivision of VVB TEWA)
- VVB VEM (Electro-Maschinenbau) (Electric Machinery Construction)
- VVB IKA (Installationen-Kabel-Apparate) (Cable Manufacture and Installation)
- VVB RFT (Radio- und Fernmeldetechnik) (Radio and Telecommunications Engineering)
- VVB OPTIK (Feinmechanische und Optische Geraete) (Precision and Optical Equipment)
- VVB MECHANIK (Feinmechanischen Industrie) (Precision Machinery Industry)
- VVB MEWA - all firms excepting those manufacturing bicycles (see 2b, above)
- VVB NAGEMA - light machinery factories (see 2a, above)

3. Expected personal changes are as follows:

a. Heavy Machine Construction

1. Minister - Gerhard Ziller, Minister of the Machine Construction Ministry prior to its reorganization.
2. State Secretary - Lungwitz (fnu)

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b. Transport Machine Construction

1. Minister - not yet decided. (see paragraph 4, below)
2. State Secretary - Ernst Wolf, at present State Secretary, HV Schwer-
maschinenbau.

c. General Machine Construction

1. Minister - Helmut Wunderlich, at present managing director of Schlepperwerk,
Nordhausen (VEB ABUS Maschinenfabrik Nordhausen).
 2. State Secretary - Friedrich Schneider, the present head of the Main
Administration of VVB TEWA.
4. A merger of the Bureau of Economic Affairs (Buerro fuer Wirtschaftsfragen) (BfW)
with the Ministry for Transport Machine Construction is under consideration. If
this should take place, Maj. Gen. Berndt Weinberger, present head of the BfW, will
become Minister. It is said, however, that the Soviet Control Commission has not
yet approved this move.
5. Dr. Alfred Wunderlich, State Secretary in the existing ministry and Minister Ziller's
personal representative, is expected to be given the post of Minister for Trade and
Supply (Handel und Versorgung).
1. Comment. It is still not known exactly when the new administrations
will become effective, but the incumbent Ministry is now in the process of
setting its affairs in order prior to evacuating its present premises.

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